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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session item 116, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 39th meeting on 19 December 2005 (see A/C.2/60/SR.39).

II. Consideration of the draft decision contained in document A/C.2/60/L.66

3. At its 39th meeting, on 19 December, the Committee had before it the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/60/L.66), which had been submitted by the Chairman on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/60/L.66 (see para. 5) and recommended its approval by the plenary of the General Assembly (see A/C.2/60/SR.39).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-first session as set out below:

Item 1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

Item 2. Information and communication technologies for development.

Item 3. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt crisis and development;

(d) Commodities.

Item 4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

Item 5. Sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session.

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

Item 7. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Culture and development;

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

Item 8. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

Item 9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Industrial development cooperation.

Item 10. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Item 11. Training and research: United Nations University.

Item 12. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:[1]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development.

[1] For sub-items (a) and (d) to (e), see plenary meetings. Sub-items (b) and (c) have been allocated to the Second Committee in accordance with subparas. 4 (e) and (g) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316.